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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

M. Keith Sharp

Serial No. 09/973,477

Filing Date: October 6, 2001

For: Hypodermic Needle

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) Examiner Matthew F. DeSanto

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) Group Art Unit No. 3763
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action of June 16, 2004 for a period of two months.

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